

Claims

1. A casing for a handheld device defining a generally planar operating face for providing an input mechanism and a display region and having a first axis defining an operation orientation of the device, the casing providing first and second side sweeps confronting each other at respective ends defining the shape of the generally planar operating face and providing discontinuities at their respective confrontations, the alignment of the discontinuities defining a second axis along the longest span of the casing.
2. A casing for a handheld device in accordance with claim 1 wherein an audio axis for carrying a spaced microphone and speaker is aligned with the second axis.
3. A casing for a handheld device in accordance with claim 1 or 2 wherein the confrontation comprises a physical convergence of the respective side sweeps.
3. A casing for a handheld device in accordance with any preceding claim wherein the confrontation is provided by external elements carried by the casing.
4. A casing for a handheld device in accordance with any preceding claim wherein the second axis lies along a diagonal.
5. A casing for a handheld device in accordance with claim 4 wherein the other diagonal is truncated.
6. A casing for a handheld device in accordance with claim 5 wherein the truncated diagonal runs terminates at a rounded corner.

7. A casing for a handheld device in accordance with claim 5 wherein the truncated diagonal terminates at a rounded corner at both extremities.
8. A casing for a handheld device in accordance with claim 7 wherein the rounded corners provide two sweeping sides.
9. A casing for a handheld device in accordance with claim 4 or any claim dependent therefrom wherein the elongate diagonal terminates at a point.
10. A casing for a handheld device in accordance with claim 4 or any claim dependent therefrom wherein the elongate diagonal terminates at a point at both extremities.
11. A casing for a handheld device in accordance with any preceding claim wherein the first and second axes intersect in the display region of the face.
12. A casing for a handheld device in accordance with any one of claims 1 to 10 wherein the first and second axes intersect at the input region of the face.
13. A casing for a handheld device in accordance with any preceding claim wherein the face is generally rectangular.
14. A casing for a handheld device in accordance with claim 13 wherein the rectangle is generally square.
15. A handheld telecommunications device comprising a casing according to any preceding claim.
16. A handheld telecommunications device according to claim 15 when dependent on claim 2 wherein the first axis and audio axis are misaligned such that rotation of the audio axis in the face of the casing for alignment of

the speaker and microphone outlets with the ear and mouth respectively of the user when moving from the viewing to the listening position is greater than that required for alignment of the viewing axis with the ear and mouth.

- 5    17.    A handheld telecommunications device according to claim 15 wherein the device can be held in the hand in the proper orientation for viewing the display and lifted to the ear in proper orientation for audio communication whilst maintaining substantially the same lateral position of the user's wrist.

- 10   18.    A casing substantially as hereinbefore described with reference to Figures 1 to 5, 7 and 8 or Figures 5 to 8.

19.    A handheld telecommunications device substantially as hereinbefore described with reference to Figures 1 to 5, 7 and 8 or Figures 5 to 8.